

Consumer Law Section

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Alexander White

*SC Department of Administration: Enterprise Privacy Office
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As Deputy Chief Privacy Officer for the U.S. State of South Carolina, I serve as a state subject-matter expert on privacy and data protection, and my office supports privacy compliance and best practices for over 70 state agencies and entities operating in finance, healthcare, education, law enforcement, and other sectors.

I am an attorney licensed in Illinois and the District of Columbia and an internationally-experienced speaker on privacy topics. I serve as a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals' Privacy Bar Section Advisory Board and am the founder of the IAPP State, Local, and Municipal Government Affinity Group. On January 10, 2017, I was appointed by former Secretary Jeh Johnson to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee (DPIAC).

Prior to joining the State of South Carolina, I worked in the insurance industry in emerging issues, enterprise risk management, regulatory compliance, government affairs, and product development, including drafting and review of cyber liability forms. I hold a variety of privacy, legal, cybersecurity, and risk management qualifications and am a two-time graduate of the University of Georgia, where I earned a bachelor's degree in history and a Juris Doctor.

Thomas Scott

*SC Cyber
Columbia, SC*

Thomas Scott (Tom) is the CEO/Founder of New Century Solutions LLC (NCS), leading its NCS Cyber Division. As the inaugural Director of the SC Cyber Consortium, he has been a key leader in the cyber education, cyber workforce development, and cyber protection efforts in both South Carolina and across the nation. He currently serves as the founding director of the South Carolina Cyber Foundation and Association.

With over 25 years of State Government experience in both Florida and South Carolina, Tom has developed a wealth of knowledge and experience in protecting State critical infrastructure and cyber assets. He currently holds certifications in information security, information auditing,

security leadership, and project management – he is also recognized a FEMA Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Practitioner.

Tom is a member of the FBI's InfraGard program and serves as an advisory board member for the Dutch Fork High School Cyber program. He has actively participated as a member of the MS-ISAC's Executive Committee as well as the SC Bar Technology Committee and the USC School of Law Cybersecurity Task Force. He was recently selected to serve as the President of the SC Midlands Chapter of ISACA. Tom currently serves the academic community through board service Industry Advisory Board for the USC Integrated IT program, the ECPI Computer Security program and the Charleston Southern Computer Science program as well as a commitment to serving as the Board Chair for the OdysseyOnline Charter School.

Cindy A. Liebes

*Federal Trade Commission
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Cindy Liebes is the Regional Director for the Southeast Regional Office of the Federal Trade Commission. She has been with the FTC since 1986. Ms. Liebes is responsible for supervising and litigating various law enforcement actions involving a variety of unfair and deceptive consumer protection issues, including online privacy; fraudulent Internet schemes; telemarketing fraud and consumer credit statute enforcement. She also regularly conducts seminars and gives outreach presentations to business and consumer groups and has appeared on numerous television and radio broadcasts to discuss various consumer fraud, privacy and credit issues. For six years, Ms. Liebes was an active member of the FTC's Privacy Steering Committee, which is charged with developing and implementing the Commission's internal privacy program. Ms. Liebes previously served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for both the Eastern District of Tennessee and Northern District of Georgia, criminally prosecuting perpetrators of telemarketing fraud. In recognition of her criminal litigation efforts, she received the Department of Justice's John Marshall Award. She also twice received the FTC's award for Excellence in Supervision.

Martha "Marti" S. Phillips

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Course Planner

Martha ("Marti") Phillips, Esq. is a Deputy Administrator and Director of the Identity Theft Unit at the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. Her primary responsibilities include administration and enforcement of state identity theft laws and providing consumer assistance, education and outreach programs aimed to increase consumer knowledge of identity theft. Ms. Phillips joined the Department in 2011 as a staff attorney and assisted in the administration and enforcement of the South Carolina Consumer Credit Counseling Act, the South Carolina Physical Fitness Services Act, and the Uniform Athlete Agents Act.

Before joining SCDCA, Marti was employed by the U.S. Army as a financial counselor at Fort Jackson, SC where she assisted active duty and retired military, family members, and DOD civilians with their financial affairs. Prior to that, she worked as an associate attorney representing lenders throughout South Carolina in residential mortgage foreclosures and evictions.

Ms. Phillips is a member of the South Carolina Bar – currently serving as Chair of the Consumer Law Section Council, Richland County Bar Association, South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, Military Spouse JD Network, and is a Certified Public Manager (CPM). She has earned the Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) credential and is a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals. Outside of work she serves as a volunteer arbitrator with the Richland County Sheriff's Department Youth Arbitration Program. This community-based program enables first time youthful offenders charged with nonviolent crimes to make amends and avoid formal prosecution in court.

Marti received a Juris Doctor from Mississippi College School of Law, a Master of Public Administration from the University of South Carolina, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Marketing from Clemson University.